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SUBJECT: BUSINESS ASSISTANCE REQUEST

1. HERBERT DWAYNE BUMGARDNER, SERVICE TECHNICIAN, POWELL INDUSTRIES INC. (MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR, TRANSFORMERS AND MOTOR CONTROL CONSOLES), 8550 MOSLEY DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77075 TELEPHONE (713) 944-6900 TELEX 762024 WORLEY HOU ARRIVED IN BAGHDAD FROM AMSTERDAM ABOARD KLM FLIGHT 517 AT 20:00 HOURS ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 18, 1978. BUMGARDNER EXPECTED TO BE MET AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN CONTRACT INSTALLATION FIRM V/O TECHNOEXPORT. TECHNOEXPORT'S BAGHDAD OFFICE MANAGING DIRECTOR IS JURI CHUGUNOV, VICE PRESIDENT, TELEPHONE 92-643 OR 92-597.

2. ON ARRIVAL BUMGARDNER WAS UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT WITH ANYONE REPRESENTING TECHNOEXPORT. AT APPROXIMATELY 23:00 HOURS, A BAGHDAD KLM REPRESENTATIVE TELEPHONED CHUGUNOV WHO REPORTEDLY AGREED TO SEND A TECHNOEXPORT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AIRPORT AT 08:00 HOURS MARCH 19 TO HELP BUMBARDNER OBTAIN A VISA. THE KLM REPRESENTATIVE SUPPOSEDLY INFORMED CHUGUNOV THAT IRAQI IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS INTENDED TO PUT BUMBARDNER ON KLM FLIGHT 518 FROM BAGHDAD TO ATHENS ON MARCH 19 AT 09:15 HOURS.

3. BUMBARDNER WAS NOT REACHED ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 19 BY A
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REPRESENTATIVE OF TECHNOEXPORT AND HE WAS DENIED AN AIRPORT VISA BY IRAQI IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS. BUMGARDNER DEPARTED BAGHDAD FOR ATHENS ON MARCH 19 AT 09:15 HOURS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE USINT MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE IN HELPING HIM OBTAIN AN IRAQI VISA.

4. BUMGARDNER INTENDS TO TEMPORARILY REMAIN IN GREECE AND WILL NOT

APPLY FOR A VISA AT THE IRAQI EMBASSY IN ATHENS UNTIL A REPLY IS RECEIVED FROM USINT BAGHDAD.

5. FYI POWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. IS SUPPLYING INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL CONTROL EQUIPMENT TO THE HOUSTON-BASED FIRM WORLEY ENGINEERING INC FOR INSTALLATION BY TECHNOEXPORT AT A LOCATION KNOWN AS LUHAIS FIELD, IRAQ. THE PURPOSE OF BUMGARDNER'S VISIT TO IRAQ IS TO INSPECT THE INSTALLATION OF POWELL EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL SERVICES AND TRAINING TO TECHNOEXPORT AS THEY REQUESTED.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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